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Desire following statement be issued by Embassy: QUOTE. While in Washington Ambassador Lincoln Gordon appeared before the Latin American Subcommittee of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives to review for the Committee all aspects of political and economic developments in Brazil since he assumed his office in October 1961. This was an informal oral report. Subsequently, in connection with the Subcommittee's current investigation of communist activities in Latin America, the Department of State submitted to the subcommittee a statement on the Brazilian political situation. This statement, published as part of the record of the Committee on March 14, was made on the responsibility of the Department and it is improper to attribute any part of the text to the Ambassador. UNQUOTE.

Department releasing statement at noon press briefing today.

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